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SUBJECT: NEW GOVERNOR OF IRIAN JAYA

1. PRESS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT COLONEL SOETRAN, BUPATI (DISTRICT CHIEF) OF EAST JAVA'S TRENGGALEK DISTRICT, HAD BEEN APPOINTED ACTING GOVERNOR OF IRIAN JAYA, REPLACING GENERAL ACUB ZAINAL WHO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO JAKARTA. SOETRAN WILL BE INAUGURATED BY INTERIOR MINISTER MACHMUD IN JAYAPURA ON MARCH 31, WITH EAST JAVA GOVERNOR NOER IN ATTENDANCE. SOETRAN'S STATUS BECOMES PERMANENT AFTER PRO FORMA RATIFICATION BY PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE (DPRD-GR).

2. SOETRAN HAS BEEN A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, WHOSE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRADITIONAL "MINUS AREA" OF TRENGGALEK WON THE "DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AWARD" FOR THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR-PLAN, AT THE SAME TIME THAT EAST JAVA WON THE "NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD." HE SERVED IN IRIAN JAYA FROM 1963-66 AS MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER AT DIGUL, AND IS SAID TO HAVE TRAVELLED WIDELY IN THE INTERIOR AT THAT TIME. IN CHATTING WITH REPORTERS AT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR JAKARTA MARCH 18, SOETRAN SAID

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HE HOPED TO ADAPT CONCEPTS USED SUCCESSFULLY IN EAST

JAVA TO CONDITIONS IN IRIAN JAYA, NOTABLY DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EDUCATION THROUGH "BASIC MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES." HE ALSO HOPES TO PROMOTE TRANSMIGRATION FROM "MINUS AREAS" OF EAST JAVA TO IRIAN JAYA.

3. FOR JAKARTA: UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE NOT ABLE TO CONTACT SOETRAN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, BUT WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING HIM IN EMBASSY SOCIAL EVENT IF POSSIBLE. PRESUME INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH P.T. FREEPORT INDONESIA, BUT IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO PASS ON FOREGOING INFORMATION FOR THEIR BACKGROUND. HOWLAND

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